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Title: SUBSTITUTED 1,3-DIPHENYLPROP-2-EN-1-ONE DERIVATIVES, PREPARATION
AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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\$360.00 (1203)/\$0.00 (2203) \$

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 28, 2007, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group III for further prosecution.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the lack of unity of invention determination, and restriction requirement, are requested as the applicants believe the reference cited by the Examiner (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 5,326,670) fails to demonstrate a lack of a special technical feature of the claimed invention and/or a failure of the claims to define a contribution over the prior art. Specifically, at best, the structure depicted in page 4 of the Office Action dated February 28, 2007 is, with due respect to the Examiner, an arbitrary structural moiety which is not disclosed in the cited patent.

The compounds of U.S. Patent No. 5,326,670 is not novelty destroying. More specifically, the compound at column 3, line 41, of U.S. Patent No. 5,326,670 indicated by the Examiner presents azide groups bound to the two phenyl moieties in para of the propene chain. None of the substituents of the compounds of formula (I) according to the present claims, and in particular none of X1 or X4 (i.e., the substituents in para of the propene chain) represent an azide group.

Therefore, U.S. Patent No. 5,326,670 is neither novelty destroying prior art document nor does the patent render obvious claimed compounds of formula (I).

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested along with examination of all of the claimed subject matter as the Examiner has failed to demonstrate a lack of unity of invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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